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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action, dated August 26, 2005, in the above-identified application, please amend the claims as shown on the following pages. In accordance with 35 C.F.R. 1.116, the amendments cancel claims 41 and 42 and incorporate the limitation formerly in claim 42 into independent claim 38. Therefore, the amendments should be entered as presenting the claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

This Response is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.